

on the Arkansas river. He was appointed by Elder Wm. Crosby Nov. 17, 1846, to preside over the Saints at Fort Pueblo.

Bro. Dowdle and family and the other families of the Pueblo Company, following in the wake of the Utah Pioneers in 1847, arrived in Great Salt Lake Valley July 29, 1847, with Capt. James Brown's detachment of the Mormon Battalion, which had also wintered at Pueblo. Elder Dowdle was called to fill a mission to Australia, arriving at Sydney April 1, 1852. When Pres. Augustus Farnham sailed from Sydney May 28, 1856, he left Absalom P. Dowdle in charge of the Australasian Mission. Elder Dowdle presided until June 27, 1857, when he sailed on the ship "Lucas," homeward bound.

FARNHAM, Augustus, president of the Australasian Mission from 1853 to 1856, was born May 20, 1805, in Andover, Essex Co., Mass., a son of Peter and Chloe Farnham. He was baptized April 21, 1843, ordained a Seventy Aug. 17, 1845, was called to fill a mission to Australasia, arriving in Sydney April 1, 1851, on the ship "Pacific". He became president of the mission by vote April 10, 1853, and left for home May 28, 1856, on the ship "Jenny Ford." Elder Farnham died May 2, 1865, at Farmington, Utah.

FORD, Thomas, a local Elder, president of the Australasian Mission from May, 1858 to 1863, died in Australia in 1863 while presiding over the mission.

GEDDES, William, president of the Australasian Mission from 1874 to 1875, died Aug. 23, 1899, in Plain City, Utah. (See Bio. Ency., Vol. 1, p. 462.)

GROO, Isaac, president of the Australasian Mission from 1876 to 1877, died Jan. 24, 1895, in Salt Lake City, Utah. (See Bio. Ency., Vol. 3, p. 93.)

GARDNER, William, president of the Australasian Mission from 1893 to 1896, died Feb. 4, 1932, in St.



George, Utah. (See Bio. Ency., Vol. 3, p. 379.)

MAY, Fredrick John, president of the Australasian Mission from August to December, 1878, was born Jan. 16, 1844, in Southampton, Hampshire, England, the son of John May and Mary Lewis. Having relatives in Utah, he emigrated to America in 1866 and arrived in Salt Lake City the following year. Becoming convinced of the truth of "Mormonism", he was baptized May 6, 1868. He was ordained a Seventy Feb. 14, 1876, by Robert Patrick, and filled a mission to Australasia in 1878-1881, being appointed president Sept. 15, 1878, with Thomas A. Shreeve as his assistant. He returned to Utah in July, 1880, with a small company of Saints. He filled a mission to Arizona in 1882-1884, was ordained a High Priest Feb. 4, 1904, by David McKenzie, and died May 19, 1910, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

MURDOCK, John, president of the Australasian Mission from 1851 to 1852, died Dec. 23, 1871, in Beaver, Utah. (See Bio. Ency., Vol. 2, p. 362.)